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# AMEIRO PARADOX DROP

Chapter 4

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I won't be discouraged by anything you say.
NO, BUT SOON. I'LL FIND SOMETHING, AND IT'LL BE JAW-DROPPING!
ONOE-SAN, YOU'RE IN A GOOD MOOD. DID SOME-THING GOOD HAPPEN?

Drop.
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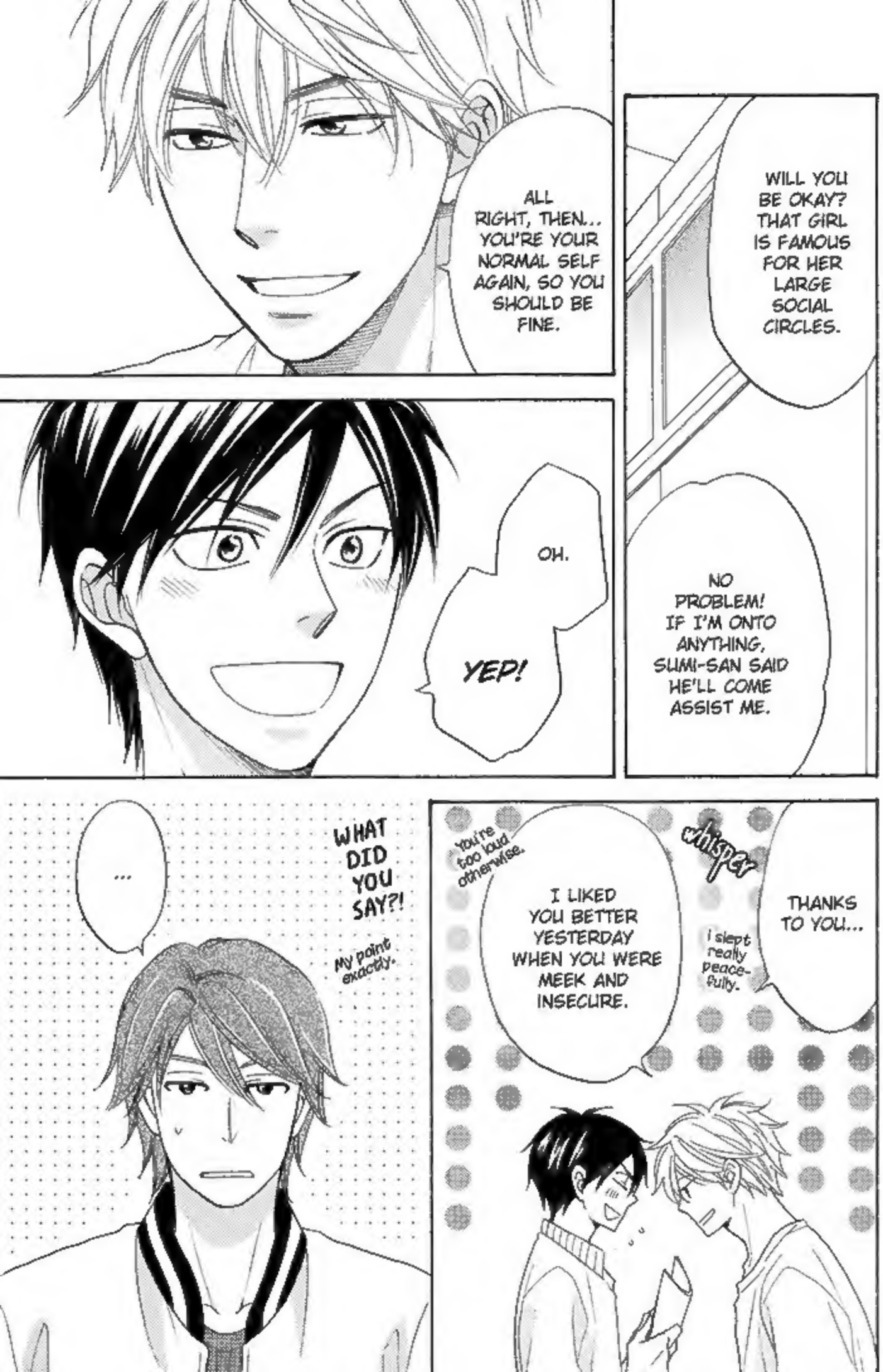
LIKE I'D TELL YOU!
Hmm? Are you onto something?
ONOE, THE PHOTOS YOU WANTED.
Weren't you just assigned to desk duty?
ARE YOU KEEPING TABS ON ME?!
They're organized.
OOH, THANKS.
I HEARD YOU WERE GOING TO STAKE OUT SUZUHARA?
YEAH!
Kiuchi-san is such a big mouth.


ALL RIGHT, THEN... YOU'RE YOUR NORMAL SELF AGAIN, SO YOU SHOULD BE FINE.
WILL YOU BE OKAY? THAT GIRL IS FAMOUS FOR HER LARGE SOCIAL CIRCLES.
OH.
YEP!
NO PROBLEM! IF I'M ONTO ANYTHING, SUMI-SAN SAID HE'LL COME ASSIST ME.
...
WHAT DID YOU SAY?!
My point exactly.
You're too loud otherwise.
I LIKED YOU BETTER YESTERDAY WHEN YOU WERE MEEK AND INSECURE.
whisper
I slept really peacefully.
THANKS TO YOU...

AFTER THAT, YOU CAN PURSUE WHAT-EVER YOU WANT.
YOU'VE PICKED UP HOW THINGS WORK AROUND HERE.
AH.
JUST WHAT-EVER WE DIDN'T GET TO FINISH LAST TIME.
KABU-RAGI-SAN,
WHAT DO WE HAVE TO DO TODAY?
Bye.
I'LL MEET UP WITH YOU LATER TO COVER THE ASSIGN-MENT.
I HAVE THINGS TO TAKE CARE OF TODAY.
UHH...
YEAH...

WHAT ARE YOU LAUGHING AT?
NOTHING. JUST PITYING YOU NOW THAT YOUR TRAINING HAS ENDED.
HUH?
YOU WERE HOPING TO KEEP WORKING WITH KABURAGI, WEREN'T YOU?
WELL, TOO BAD. LOOKS LIKE WE'RE EVEN NOW.
I HAVE ONE MORE JOB WITH HIM LEFT.
I still have an edge over you.
YOU GUYS ALREADY HAVE THAT SCOOP FULLY COVERED, DON'T YOU?
CHANCES ARE I'LL BE TEAMED UP WITH HIM AGAIN ANYTIME NOW.
KEEP DREAMING, ONOE-SAN.
!
shock
DAMN IT... THE BRAT JUST WON'T STOP ANTAGONIZING ME!
BUT IT'S ALL RIGHT. I CAN LET IT SLIDE. I HAVE A BIG HEART LIKE THAT.
AFTER ALL,

ON THE WAY TO WORK THIS MORNING.
WE PROMISED TO GO ON A TRIP TOGETHER ON OUR NEXT BREAK!
LOOKS LIKE WE CAN TAKE TIME OFF SOON. LET'S GO SOME-WHERE.

AHHH. WHERE SHOULD WE GO? WE'VE NEVER TRAVELLED ANYWHERE OUTSIDE OF WORK. WE USUALLY JUST STAY AT HOME OR EAT OUT AT LOCAL RESTAURANTS ON OUR DAYS OFF.
IT WAS NEAR IMPOSSIBLE TO TAKE VACATION TIME TOGETHER BEFORE
GIVE ME YOUR WORST! I CAN TAKE IT.
AND KASAI'S ADDITION TO THE DEPARTMENT SURE HELPS MATTERS.

DID YOU DISCOVER AN IMPORTANT LEAD?
NO... BUT I'LL GET RIGHT ON IT!
OOH. SOMEONE'S REAL CHIPPER. ARE YOU ONTO SOMETHING GOOD, ONOE?

No good. I can't control my facial expressions.
I MUST KEEP MY PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LIVES SEPARATE!
CALM DOWN. GOTTA USE MY STRENGTHS. I CAN'T LET KASAI LOOK DOWN ON ME. I WON'T GIVE UP MY STATUS AS KABURAGI'S PARTNER SO EASILY.
I need to rein in my emotions.
I THOUGHT SO. I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D FIND SOMETHING SO QUICKLY.
I was just joking around.
WHAT?! WHAT HAPPENED TO FAITH IN MY ABILITIES?!
...
THEN WHY WERE YOU GIGGLING TO YOURSELF? DID YOU GET A GIRLFRIEND?
N-
NO!!!
Ah, I was right again.
I'M HEADING OUT! SEE YOU!
I'LL DO MY BEST!
OKAY. LATER.
...
grix

click
brake
Hey.
SORRY FOR KEEPING YOU WAITING.
THAT'S ALL RIGHT. I JUST GOT HERE...
WOW.
PRIUS
WHAT'S ALL THAT?
JUST SOME PERSONAL RESEARCH ON COMPANY POLICIES.
GATHERING THE DOCUMENTS TOOK LONGER THAN I EXPECTED.
WHOA... DO YOU NEED TO GO THROUGH ALL OF IT?
I can help!
NAH. I ASKED ONCE ALREADY. THANKS, THOUGH.
Besides, it's not urgent.

WHAT'S UP?
UMM... NEVER MIND...
YOU AND ONOE-SAN ARE ON GREAT TERMS, HUH?
YEAH?
What's he getting at?
IT'S BECAUSE WE'RE SAME-YEAR COL-LEAGUES.
BUT
DON'T YOU EVER FEEL IRRITATED?
WHEN THERE'S SUCH A BIG GAP IN SKILLS?

You're just way too good, Kaburagi-san.
Or maybe it just feels that way, compared to you.
It just feels like Onoe-san doesn't produce a lot of articles...
And... well, not just that. Other things too...
HE WAS NEVER THE FIRST TO CATCH ON TO BIG LEADS.
...YOU'RE NOT WRONG
HE'S SHOWING HIS TRUE COLORS SO MUCH FOR ADMIRING ONOE
He sure changed tunes quickly
RIGHT?! I KNEW IT!
I THOUGHT HE SUCKED AND GOT BY BY RIDING MY COATTAILS.
(In the very beginning.)

AND AREN'T THE EDITORS TOO NICE TO HIM?
WHAT'S WITH THAT...
ISN'T THAT BECAUSE HE HAS TALENTS THAT YOU'RE JUST NOT AWARE OF?
OH
THAT COULD BE
THIS GUY...

I GOT NOTHING.
SUZUHARA RIKO'S FREQUENT RENDEZVOUS WITH RICH HEIR CAUSES UPROAR. CAN THIS NEW MAN BE "THE ONE"?!
DAMN! ALL FOR NOTH-ING!
WHY CAN'T A GENIUS LIKE ME FIND ANYTHING?!
TRYING TO GET NEWS LIKE THAT.

MEETING UP WITH A SOURCE AT A CAFE.

I'VE BEEN DIGGING AROUND FOR THREE DAYS ALREADY...
IF I CAN'T PINPOINT THEIR MEETING PLACE SOON, I WON'T BE ABLE TO ORGANIZE THE STAKEOUT.
SHOOT... AT THIS RATE, I'LL BE PROVING KASAI RIGHT...
Man... I don't have a single clue...
You're naive.
No! I can do this!
I'll comb through everything one more time!!!
SHINKANSHA
HER FAVORITE SHOP, HUH? THIS IS FROM SEVEN YEARS AGO. DOES SHE EVEN GO THERE ANY-MORE...?
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Suzuhara Riko interview

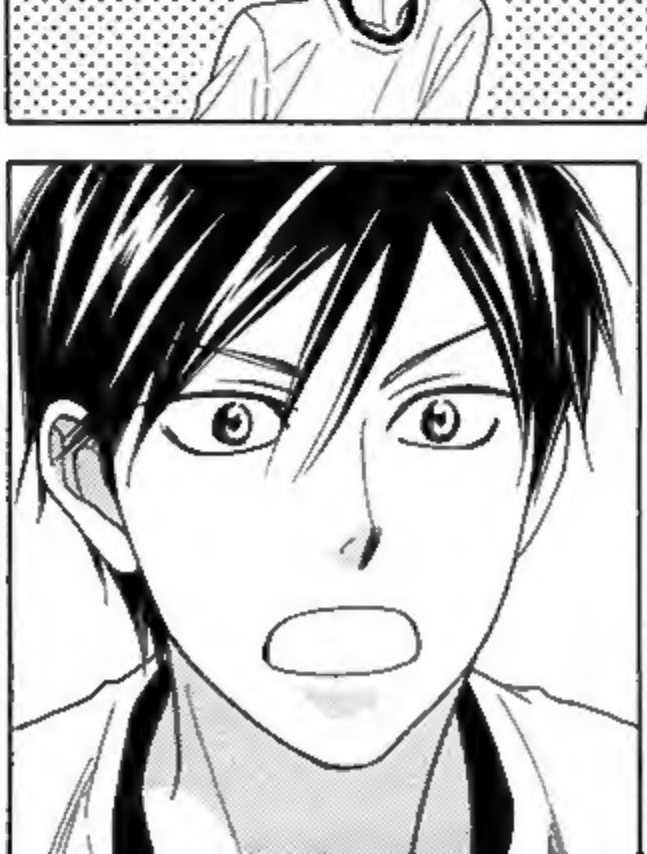
AH.

THIS WAS JUST A COINCI-DENCE!
CHAINED TO THAT DESK AGAIN, ARE YOU? KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

!!!
OHH, SUZU-HARA..
STILL GATHERING MATERIALS? HAVE YOU MADE PROGRESS AT ALL?
I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF THIS JERK.. WHERE ARE YOU, KABURAGI?!
Riko

I WON'T LOSE TO YOU.
...I WENT OFF TRACK A LITTLE, BUT I'VE REFOCUSED MY INVEST-IGATION
AND AM READY TO GO ANY MOMENT NOW.
And you should stop obsessing over me... Are you taking your own job seriously?
I DO, AND I WILL!
...
...ONOE-SAN,
DO YOU THINK YOU HAVE A CHANCE AT WINNING?

I HAVE A TIP ON HER.



I JUST DON'T HAVE THE TIME TO COVER IT MYSELF.
AND THIS WAY, WE'LL BE ON MORE EVEN GROUND.
COME ON. DON'T BE LIKE THAT.
IS THIS A TRICK?
WH- WHY ARE YOU SUDDEN-LY...?
WAIT...
Offering food to a starving enemy.
I DON'T TRUST HIM...
...

WERE YOU WORKING THIS WEEK?
HUH?!
HOW CAN I POSSIBLY ASK FOR A VACATION LIKE THIS?
PAID TIME OFF? YOU'RE JOKING, RIGHT?
BUT I DESPERATELY NEED IT... SOME SORT OF A LEAD!

DOUBT
PRIDE

...WHAT CAN YOU TELL ME...?

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